



**Valle De Oro Community Planning Group
P.O. Box 3958
La Mesa, CA 91944-3958**

San Diego County
DEPT. OF PLANNING & LAND USE

Minutes of meeting: November 4, 2008

Location: Otay Water District Headquarters
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.
Training Room, Lower Terrace

1. Call to order: 7:00 PM J.L. PHILLIPS, presiding Chair

Members present: Brennan, Brownlee, Feathers, Fitchett, Henderson, Hewicker, Manning, Millar, Phillips, Reith

Not present: Chapman, Hyatt, Mitrovich, Ripperger, Wollitz

2. Finalize Agenda: As shown

3. Open Forum: None

4. Approval of minutes: Minutes of October 7, 2008 **VOTE:** 10-0-0 to approve

5. New Business

- a) POD08-011: Zoning Ordinance amendment to add certified farmers' market as a temporary use, add family burial plot as an accessory residential use, make miscellaneous minor revisions to the definitions and accessory use regulations, and to make minor clarifications and corrections to various other regulations.

Introduced by PHILLIPS. Discussion ensued concerning cemetery. MILLAR doesn't like it and thinks it is weird. He believes it doesn't fit in with today's practice as it may have done in the 1850's. He noted that the burials could be located anywhere on site meeting the setback requirements. Additionally, it doesn't reflect the realities of today's families since blood relations, as required, would exclude in-laws, stepchildren, etc. There is no mention of required maintenance of the site. Perhaps motivation is to save money since burial plots are so expensive. FITCHETT related his experience with burial plots on a parcel that his family had sold. They were subsequently denied access to family's burial site. PHILLIPS agreed that access to plots after parcel is sold may be problematic and potentially a litigious issue. There are concerns about the care and maintenance of plots after the parcel is sold. The sites may be together as a family plot or distributed around the property. Future development on the site is problematic. Limiting the burial plot to 5 in today's society is not realistic. If the main building setback is 15' then the plots may be sited along the property line and as close as 30' to neighbor's residence. Enforcement of the regulations including the blood relative requirement may be difficult. PHILLIPS moved that

as a Planning Group we don't agree with the concept; it may have been appropriate 70 years ago or more but it is not now. (REITH seconds).
VOTE: 9-1-0 to approve motion. (Henderson opposed). We then briefly discussed the borrow pit and PHILLIPS believes it is just bringing it into conformance with grading regulations.

6. Chairman's Report:

PHILLIPS reported that he received a notice from Otay Water District concerning a public scoping meeting scheduled for November 13th. They will address their 5 year plan for the Water Resource Master Plan Update and take public input.

PHILLIPS related that we received a letter of thanks from people on Hillsdale Road concerning the truck parking problem. County Supervisor Jacob concurred with our decision and has posted the area for no parking/no stopping. They will also perform a traffic study which will include a truck count.

PHILLIPS announced that our next meeting will address T-mobile's request to install a cell tower using a street light near Chase Lane and Chase Road. We will need to decide if it conforms with zoning requirements and re-visit the issue of allowing a private facility within the public right of way.

7. Adjournment: 7:37 PM

Submitted by: Jösan Feathers